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SUBJECT: IREX JUNIOR SCHOLAR EXCHANGE

STATE FOR CU/EE: PLEASE INFORM IREX/KASSOF, INFO EUR/SOV;
LENINGRAD FOR P&C; USIA FOR IEU

1. SUMMARY: AT COMPLETION OF FIRST WEEK, IREX ECHANGEES
REPORT SATISFACTION WITH ALL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM THUS
FAR. MHE, MGU OFFICIALS COOPERATIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY PRESS AND CULTURAL SECTION HELD INITIAL
BRIEFING FOR MOSCOW IREX GRANTEES AT EMBASSY AFTERNOON
AUGUST EIGHT. EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS IN RESPONSE TO
EMBOFF QUESTIONS COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON TREATMENT THUS
FAR BY MGU INTERNATIONAL OFFICE PERSONNEL, ON ORIENTATION
PROGRAM, ON ACCOMMODATIONS, AND ESPECIALLY ON QUALITY
OF INTENSIVE LANGUAGE TRAINING CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.
STUDENT WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN SAME PROGRAM DURING
1970/71 REPORTS THAT LANGUAGE PROGRAM IS CONSIDERABLY
BETTER NOW THAN AT THAT TIME.

3. EMBOFFS HAVE HAD SUBSTANTIAL CONTACT IN THE COURSE
OF WEEK WITH MHE, MGU OFFICIALS SEMYONOV AND ZEMSKOV
IN REGARD TO EXCHANGE JAMES BARBER. BARBER, WHO IS CONFINED
TO WHEELCHAIR, CANNOT BE SUITABLY HOUSED IN MGU DORMITORY
AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH MHE TO HAVE HIM AND MOTHER
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WHO IS ACCOMPANYING MOVED TO UNIVERSITY HOTEL. MHE OFFICIAL

ESCORTED MRS. BARBER ON HOTEL ROOM INSPECTION AND IS NOW WORKING ON MOVE WITH HOTEL ADMINISTRATION. IN MEANTIME, ZEMSKOV HAS ON OWN INITIATIVE ARRANGED FOR BARBER TO HAVE LANGUAGE TUTORING IN HIS ROOM AND FOR AUTOMOBILE TOURS OF CITY SINCE TRANSPORTATION TO LANGUAGE CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION IN BUS TOURS WITH OTHER STUDENTS PROBLEMATIC DUE TO WHEEL CHAIR CONFINEMENT.

4. INDICATIONS ABOVE PLUS FRIENDLY CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN EMBOFFS AND BAZHANOV (CHIEF, MHE ADMINISTRATION FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS) AND SEMYONOV (EAD SECTION FOR CAPITALIST COUNTRIES) AT RECEPTION EVENING AUGUST SEVEN AND DURING EMBOFF CALL ON ZEMSKOV AT MGU ON AUGUST SIX LEAD US TO BELIEVE IREX JUNIOR SCHOLAR PROGRAM OFF TO GOOD START IN ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION.
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